



Community News and Events

Assemblymember Hayashi Introduces Legislation To Give Residents a Voice in San Leandro Hospital's Future



As early as July 1, 2009, San Leandro Hospital's emergency room services may close to the public and the building sold to a third party.

Opened in 1960, San Leandro Hospital serves the central Alameda County community as an accredited acute care medical facility offering the latest in advanced medicine. As part of the Eden Township Healthcare District and operated by Sutter Health network since 2004, San Leandro Hospital treats more than 25,000 patients annually through its Emergency Room services.

The people of San Leandro deserve a voice in determining the fate of the city's only emergency room. [AB 1427](#) has been introduced in the Assembly to do just that—it provides stronger public oversight by giving the voters who created the Eden Township Healthcare District a voice in determining the future of its last remaining hospital. If San Leandro Hospital closes, residents will be forced to access emergency room services by traveling further and waiting longer to receive care. The extra time could be the difference between life and death.

More than 550 People Attend the 2nd Annual Women's Health Fair in San Leandro



In observance of May being Women's Health Month, more than 550 people attended Assemblymember Hayashi's 2nd *Annual Women's Health Fair* at the San Leandro Library on May 16th. Thanks to the cooperation of St. Rose Hospital, the fair provided free health screenings for blood glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI, bone density, dental, hearing, mental health, stress, and vision.

Attendees also listened to health experts on diet and nutrition, exercise, aesthetics, and the latest treatments and advancements in the fight against breast cancer.

Assemblymember Hayashi sincerely appreciates the cooperation of the library staff and all the vendors, speakers, and guests who participated in this year's successful event.



Dr. Hal Van Wart Named Small Business Person of the Year – 18th District



On May 26th, Assemblymember Hayashi named the President and Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Harold "Hal" Van Wart, of Metabolex, Inc. as the "Small Business Person of the Year" for the 18th Assembly District. State legislators from each participating Assembly and Senate district honored an outstanding business leader as part of the California Small Business Association's Small Business Day.

Headquartered in Hayward, Dr. Van Wart has guided Metabolex, Inc., a biotech company, for eight years in its quest to develop new medicines for the treatment of metabolic diseases with an emphasis on Type II diabetes. Metabolex employs 55 people and has recently reported positive results on several of its medicines in clinical trials. For example, the company reported in November 2008 that its MBX-8025 drug in clinical trials reported no serious adverse events and patients experienced an approximate 30% reduction in triglycerides and 20% drop in LDL cholesterol versus a placebo after 8 weeks of treatment.

Best wishes for continued success to Dr. Van Wart and Metabolex in the fight against diabetes and its related health impairments.

Congratulations!

Assemblymember Hayashi Named as “Legislator of the Year” for Her Commitment to Seniors



Assemblywoman Mary Hayashi has been recognized as the ‘Legislator of the Year’ by the Center for Elders Independence (CEI) at its annual celebration on May 21st at the historic Dunsmuir House and Pavilion.

Hayashi was selected for the CEI award in recognition of her ‘visionary leadership and years of commitment to seniors’ of Alameda County. CEI provides community-based, long-term care in the East Bay. Their mission is to provide high quality, affordable, integrated health care services to the elderly, which promote autonomy, quality of life and the ability of individuals to live in their communities.

Pictured are CEI’s Mr. Peter Szutu, President and CEO, Dr. Helen Chen, Chief Medical Officer and Assemblymember Mary Hayashi.

Assemblymember Hayashi Pays Tribute to 12 Retiring Hayward Firefighters for Their Service



The City of Hayward recently retired 12 brave men and women who have collectively devoted almost 300 years of service to fire prevention and suppression.

On May 30th, Assemblymember Hayashi honored their service by presenting them with official proclamations from the State Legislature. Those retiring include Captain Mark Stanton, Fire Marshal John Berg, Apparatus Operator Richard Cordero, Fire Inspector James Ward, Captain Allum Ndiaye, Apparatus Operator Gene Rodrigues, Captain Joe Masquelier, Assistant Fire Marshal Phil Simon, Fire Inspector Barry Reed, Apparatus Operator Kathy Leonard, Apparatus Operator Lynne Podesta, and Captain Jeffrey Urnes.

The community will miss their expertise and experience, but we extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes for an active and rewarding retirement.

Mt. Eden High School Band of Hayward Honored for Its Excellence



In early May, Assemblymember Hayashi honored the Mt. Eden High School Band of Hayward for its extraordinary achievements. Within five years of being under the direction of Mr. Kevin Cato, the Mt. Eden band has gone from playing at middle school level to most recently performing at the world renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Mr. Cato invested \$25,000 of his personal money to purchase instruments for the students to play as many students come from low-income households. His act of kindness gave the students

the inspiration to be the very best as they have worked extremely hard and gone on to win numerous competitions. The band has even appeared in a Coca-Cola television commercial. Most impressive is the fact that the band is currently ranked as one of the Top 5 high school bands in the nation. Congratulations!



Assemblymember Hayashi Recognizes Castro Valley High School for Its Distinguished Achievement



Castro Valley High School has been recognized by the California Department of Education as one of the 2009 Distinguished Schools for its excellence in academic achievement, visionary and collaborative leadership, strong core curriculum, teaching strategies, support services for those with special needs, and parental involvement.

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi provided an official resolution on behalf of the State Legislature honoring Castro Valley High School as being the only high school in her district to receive the Distinguished School Award. The resolution was presented to the outstanding teachers, students and

school board members on May 19th.



Castro Valley Student Citizens of the Year Honored

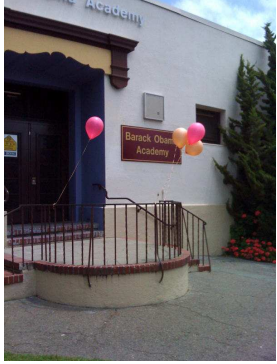


The Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce held its annual “Castro Valley Student Citizens of the Year” awards luncheon on May 28th.

A student from each of Castro Valley’s public and private elementary, middle, and high schools was selected for his/her academic excellence and extracurricular activities that involve making Castro Valley a better place to live. Many of the students volunteered at non-profit organizations, within their neighborhoods, and at school. The students also participated in sports, music, theatre, and other civic activities.

Assemblymember Hayashi honored these students for their accomplishments and civic leadership with an official certificate of recognition on behalf of the State Legislature.

First Middle School Named after President Barack Obama Calls Oakland Home



Oakland has a long history of being the first in many categories; they have reached another milestone in naming the first middle school in the nation after our 44th President of the United States, Barack Obama.

On May 30th, Assemblymember Hayashi honored the Barack Obama Academy with an official resolution acknowledging the outstanding opportunities the school will offer students of Oakland Unified School District.

Originally named the Alternative Learning Academy, the Barack Obama Academy embodies the president's message of rethinking expectations and believing in change for the betterment of the community and students. The academy focuses on environmental justice, civic leadership, and 21st century academic excellence.

Hayward's Park Elementary Celebrates Its 40th Anniversary as a "Year Round School"



Forty years ago, Hayward Unified School District designated Park Elementary School as the first "Year-Round School" in the nation. It has now become the oldest year-round school in the nation with a school year that begins in July and runs through June of each year.

Under the guidance of Dr. Michelle Perez, the principal of Park Elementary, the students learn through a comprehensive curriculum that includes Botany on a Plate, Math in the Garden, language development support, physical education, library, music, computer lab, and after-school programs that focus on "Reading First".

Assemblymember Hayashi presented the Park Elementary School Panthers, teachers, staff, administrators and parents with a resolution honoring their commitment to academic excellence.

Castro Valley School Boardmember Jo Loss Becomes President of California PTA

Castro Valley resident and school board member Mrs. Jo Loss officially became the President of the California PTA (California Congress of Parents, Teachers, and Students, Inc.). President Loss has been a member of the Castro Valley Unified School Board for more than 14 years, serves on the State Superintendent's P-16 Council and on the Board of Directors for EdSource, as well as raises her four children with husband, Ed.

Locally, she has given her time to the Castro Valley Education Foundation, the Council for the Prevention of Drinking and Driving, and as a coach for soccer, T-ball, and softball.

The PTA has special significance to the 18th Assembly District as the founder of the National PTA was Mrs. Phoebe Hearst who resided at her home in Pleasanton, California until her death in 1919.



Assemblymember Hayashi honored Trustee Loss with an official resolution for outstanding achievements, dedication, and leadership to the community and state.

St. Felicitas School in San Leandro Celebrates its 50th Anniversary



On May 17th, Assemblymember Hayashi honored St. Felicitas Catholic School in San Leandro with a resolution for its 50th Anniversary. Established in 1959 by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wichita, Kansas, St. Felicitas has grown from serving two classes of first and second graders to serving hundreds of students in grades K-8 today.

Following Sunday Mass, students, parents, teachers and alumni celebrated the school's anniversary by hosting an open house, luncheon, and presentation of past year books. San Leandro City Councilmember Joyce Starosciak attended the event and gave special recognition on behalf of the city council. Congratulations!

Automotive Students Honored at Chabot College



It was a full house at Chabot College as the Automotive Service Councils of California (ASCCA) – Chapter 16 held its Technology Education Recognition Night and Awards Banquet. Students from Chabot College, area high schools, and regional occupational programs were honored for their exemplary work in the class room.

Emceed by Mr. Stephen Small, President of ASCCA – Chapter 16, the event provided students with certificates of recognition from Assemblymember Hayashi who Chairs the Assembly Business and Professions Committee. Ms. Sherry Mehl, Chief of the California Bureau of Automotive Repair, attended the event and recognized the students' efforts. Additionally, the program received thousands of dollars worth of donations

from area businesses in the automotive technology industry as students won free automotive equipment to use in their future careers. Best wishes to all the students!



Jensen Ranch PTA Invites Assemblymember Hayashi to Speak



The Jensen Ranch Elementary School PTA of Castro Valley invited Assemblymember Hayashi to speak to the parents, teachers and administrators about the state budget and its impact on education.

Last year, Jensen Ranch was recognized as a Distinguished School by the California Department of Education. The parents of Jensen Ranch play an active and supportive role in their children's education.



The PTA thanked Assemblymember Hayashi for her advocacy on behalf of all school children and presented her with a T-shirt and celebratory cake. Thank you.

Events

2009 EDEN AREA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Climate Change Forum



When: Saturday, June 6th from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)
Where: Chabot Community College's Little Theater
What: Learn how to combat climate change at the state, regional, and local level

RSVP: Dr. Jennifer Ong at (510) 521-0551 or drienniferong@gmail.com

Free Parking if you RSVP
Continental breakfast will be served.

Assemblymember Hayashi's Voting Record and Helpful Links

AFSCME	100% Rating
Asian Americans for Civil Rights and Equality	100% Rating
California Labor Federation	100% Rating
California League of Conservation Voters	100% Rating
California State Sheriffs' Association	Highest Ranking
Children's Advocacy Institute	Highest Ranking
Consumer Federation of California	100% Rating
Equality California	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-People of Color	100% Rating
Lambda Letters Project-Women's Issues	100% Rating
National Association of Social Workers – CA	100% Rating
National Organization for Women - California	100% Rating
PawPac's Animal Rights and Wildlife Issues	A+ Ranking
Sierra Club	100% Rating

Assemblymember Hayashi's Website ([Click Here](#))

Assemblymember Hayashi's Biography ([Click Here](#))

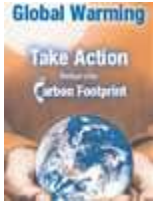
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Resources Available

New Publications Available



Global Warming – How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint



California's Economic Stimulus Package



Public Safety Resource Guide

Publications Available



Child Immunization Law



High Blood Pressure



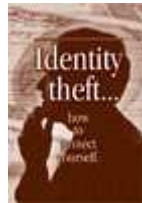
Senior Resource Guide



Home Mortgage Crisis Resource Guide



Earthquake Preparedness Guide



ID Theft Guide



Diabetes Guide



Stroke: Don't ignore the risk factors!



Breast Cancer Resource Guide



Children's Coloring Book – How a Bill Becomes Law



The California State Budget Process

Free community resource guides are now available online or in print through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Copies are available throughout the 18th Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

State Resources Website



Want to find energy saving tips? Find these and over 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information on a wide range of topics such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, how to protect yourself from identity theft, and how to apply for a FasTrak toll device.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi and click on the *State Resources Websites* link. This will lead web surfers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Whether you're looking for tips on how to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.

If you prefer not to receive email updates or correspondences from the Office of Assemblymember Hayashi, please opt-out by emailing your request to Christopher.parman@asm.ca.gov.